

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 98-606

August 26, 1998

SACO RIVER TELEGRAPH AND
TELEPHONE COMPANY
Request for Changes in Long Distance
Terms, Conditions and Rates

ORDER APPROVING TERMS,
CONDITIONS AND RATES

WELCH, Chairman; and NUGENT Commissioner

On July 31, 1998, Saco River Telegraph and Telephone (Saco River), filed a request to change terms, conditions and rates for its long distance service (P.U.C. - ME - No. 10 Section 408, Original Sheets 1-32).

The Commission approves Saco River's terms, conditions and rates, but orders that Saco River file a cost allocation manual (CAM) with the Commission no later than November 2, 1998. This CAM will ensure that Saco River's local customers do not suffer from Saco River's decision to price certain tariffed services below the access imputation level. Further, the CAM allows us to recognize that certain Saco River calling plans should be considered local rather than long distance for cost and revenue purposes, largely due to Basic Service Calling Area issues.

The Commission delegates the authority to approve the CAM to the Director of the Finance Division.

Dated at Augusta, Maine this 26th day of August, 1998.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Dennis L. Keschl
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch
 Nugent

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1. Reconsideration of the Commission's Order may be requested under Section 6(N) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (65-407 C.M.R.11) within 20 days of the date of the Order by filing a petition with the Commission stating the grounds upon which consideration is sought.

2. Appeal of a final decision of the Commission may be taken to the Law Court by filing, within 30 days of the date of the Order, a Notice of Appeal with the Administrative Director of the Commission, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320 (1)-(4) and the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 73 et seq.

3. Additional court review of constitutional issues or issues involving the justness or reasonableness of rates may be had by the filing of an appeal with the Law Court, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320 (5).

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